

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

I. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 35-40 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein and replaced by new claims 41-46. Support for the limitations recited in claims 41-46 is described below with reference to the publication of the present application (see U.S. 2007/0174482).

Regarding claim 41, as well as corresponding claims 45 and 46, please note the following exemplary portions of the publication of the present application. Feature (i) is disclosed in paragraphs [0211], [0212], [0216] and [0217]. Feature (ii) is disclosed in paragraphs [0177]-[0183], [0313]-[0317], [0322]-[0325] and/or [0328]. Feature (iii) is disclosed in paragraphs [0189], [0318]-[0320], [0326], [0327] and/or [0329]-[0336]. Feature (v) is disclosed in paragraphs [0335] and [0336].

Furthermore, the limitations of paragraph (1) are disclosed in paragraphs [0239]-[0247]. The limitations of paragraph (2) are disclosed in paragraphs [0263]-[0272]. Specifically, regarding paragraph (2), please note that the limitation “the information of data changing” corresponds to the “item name text data” as described in paragraph [0272], and please note that the limitation “the information of item name” corresponds to the “data name text data” as described in paragraph [0272].

Additionally, the limitations of paragraph (3) are disclosed in paragraphs [0342]-[0346], [0361]-[0364], and [0368]. Specifically, regarding paragraph (3), please note that the limitation “a relational cell set” corresponds to the “a record cell sequence.”

Moreover, the limitations of paragraph (4) are disclosed in paragraphs [0273]-[0288]. Specifically, regarding paragraph (4), please note that the limitation “a first unitary area” corresponds to the “main area,” and the limitation “a second unitary area” corresponds to the “derived area.” In view of the above, the Applicant notes that paragraphs [0273]-[0288] disclose that “a first constituent cell of a relational cell set” is divided so as to provide a “main area” and a “derivative area.”

Also, the limitations of paragraph (5) are disclosed in paragraphs [0347], [0349]-[0357], [0369], [0370] and [0377]-[0383]. The limitations of paragraph (6) are disclosed in paragraphs [0347], [0349]-[0357], [0377], [0378] and [0396]-[0398]. The limitations of paragraph (7) are disclosed in paragraphs [0375]-[0378], and [0384]-[0395]. Finally, the limitations of paragraph (8) are disclosed in paragraphs [0375]-[0378], [0396], [0397], [0399], and [0400].

Now turning to claim 42, the Applicant notes that the features recited therein are disclosed in paragraphs [0184] and [0273]-[0282]. In addition, the features recited in claim 43 are disclosed in paragraphs [0396]-[0398]. Moreover, the Applicant notes that the features recited in claim 44 are disclosed in paragraphs [0182]-[0183], [0251]-[0253], [0381]-[0383] and [0396]-[0402].

II. 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph Rejection

Claims 35-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement.

This rejection is considered moot, in view of the cancellation of claims 35-40. Furthermore, as described above, the limitations of new claims 41-46 are clearly described in the specification.

In particular, the Applicant would like to discuss the features of paragraph (4), as recited in claim 41, as well as corresponding claims 45 and 46.

Paragraph (4) recites “a first unitary area” and “a second unitary area,” which were an issue of concern in the present Office Action (see item 5 on pages 2 and 3). As discussed above, the limitation “a first unitary area” corresponds to the “main area,” and the limitation “a second unitary area” corresponds to the “derived area.”

Furthermore, paragraphs [0273] and [0274] describe that the main area and the derivative area are contained in a data field for which the difference condition definition data is specified, as required by paragraphs (2) and (4).

As a result, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and an early notification thereof is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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